



Wisconsin Medicaid Fact Sheet

Citizenship and Identity Documentation

To make sure that only U.S. citizens and qualifying immigrants receive Medicaid and BadgerCare benefits, federal law requires that all persons requesting Medicaid or BadgerCare benefits and declaring to be U.S. citizens must show proof of their U.S. citizenship and identity in order to receive or continue to receive these health care benefits. We also verify with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security the alien status of all immigrants who apply for benefits for themselves. Undocumented immigrants are only eligible for coverage of emergency health care services if they would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid or BadgerCare.

Who must show citizenship and identity?

Any person applying for or getting Medicaid or BadgerCare must follow this new federal rule. If you are applying for benefits, you will have up to 30 days to provide this proof to your local county/tribal human service agency. If you are now getting Medicaid or BadgerCare, you will need to provide this proof to your worker at your next yearly review. If you have provided this information in the past, we might have it on file for you; we will let you know if we need any more proof.

You will only have to do this one time as long as you are getting Medicaid or BadgerCare. Once you have given the proof, the information will be kept on file.

If you are now getting Medicare or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid, you do not have to meet this new rule.

What can I use to prove citizenship and identity?

Certain documents are enough to show both citizenship and identity. They are:

- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship
- Certificate of U.S. Naturalization

If you don't have one of these items, you will need to supply two items, one for citizenship and one for identity. (One from each list below.)

Items you can use to prove **citizenship** include:

- U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. State Department Report of Birth Abroad
- U.S. Citizen ID card
- Adoption papers showing U.S. birth
- Hospital record of U.S. birth
- U.S. Military Record of Service
- Life or health insurance record showing U.S. birth
- Nursing home admission papers showing U.S. birth

Items you can use to prove **identity** include:

- State driver license
- ID card issued by federal, state or local government
- School ID card with photo
- U.S. Military ID card or draft record showing U.S. birth
- U.S. Military dependent ID card
- Native American Tribal document showing U.S. birth
- For children under age 16, a signed Statement of Identity form, HCF10154

Do not send original documents in the mail. You may bring in original documents or send photocopies of these items to your worker. If you are having trouble getting what you need to document either your citizenship or identity, contact your worker for help.

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